



E Z R A.

C H A P. I.

1 The Proclamation of Cyrus for the building of the Temple. 5 The people provide for the returne. 7 Cyrus restoreth the vessels of the Temple to Sheshbazzar.

NOW in the first yeere of Cyrus King of Persia, (that the word of the LORD* by the mouth of Jeremiah, might be fulfilled)† the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king

of Persia, that he† made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying;

2 Thus sayth Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given mee all the kingdoms of the earth, and he hath* charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah.

3 Who is there among you of all his people: his God be with him, and let him goe up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (he is the God) which is in Jerusalem.

4 And whosoever remaineth in any place where hee sojourneth, let the men of his place† helpe him with silver, and with golde, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

5 Then rose up the chiefe of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the Priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised to goe up, to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem.

6 And all they that were about them, †strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with golde, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things; besides all that was willingly offered.

7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods:

8 Euen those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth, by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbred them vnto* Sheshbazzar the Prince of Judah.

9 And this is the number of them: thirtie chargers of golde, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twentie knives:

10 Thirtie basins of golde: silver basins of a second sort, foure hundred and ten: and other vessels a thousand.

11 All the vessels of golde and of silver, were five thousand and foure hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of† the captiuitie, that were brought up from Babylon vnto Jerusalem.

C H A P. II.

1 The number that returne, of the people, 36 of the Priests, 40 of the Levites, 43 of the Nethinims, 55 of Solomons seruants, 62 of the Priests which could not shewe their pedigree. 64 The whole number of them, with their substance. 68 Their oblations.

NOW* these are the children of the prouince, that went up out of the captiuitie, of those which had beene carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon had carried away vnto Babylon, and came againe vnto Jerusalem and Judah, euery one vnto his citie;

2 Which came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, †Saraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Biguai, Rehum, Baanah: The number of the men of the people of Israel.

3 The children of Paroth, two thousand, an hundred seuentie and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seuentie and two.

5 The

* 2. Kings 24.13. 2. chr. 36.7.

* See Chap. 5.14.

† Hebr. the transportation.

* Nehem. 7.6, &c.

† Or, Azariah. 7.7.

* 2. Chron. 36.22. iere. 25.12. and 29.10.

† Heb. caused a voice to passe.

* Isa. 44.28. & 45.1, 13.

† Heb. lift him up.

† That is, helped them.

- 5 The children of Arah, seven hundred, seuentie and five.
- 6 The children of *Bahath-Goab, of the children of Ieshua and Joab, two thousand, eight hundred and twelue.
- 7 The children of Elam, a thousand, two hundred fiftie and four.
- 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred fourtie and five.
- 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.
- 10 The children of || Bani, six hundred, fourtie and two.
- 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred, twentie and three.
- 12 The children of Azgad, a thousand, two hundred, twentie and two.
- 13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred, fiftie and six.
- 14 The children of Biguai, two thousand fiftie and six.
- 15 The children of Adin, foure hundred, fiftie and foure.
- 16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninetie and eight.
- 17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.
- 18 The children of || Jozah, an hundred and twelue.
- 19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twentie and three.
- 20 The children of || Gibbar, ninetie and five.
- 21 The children of Bethlehem, an hundred twentie and three.
- 22 The children of Netophah, fiftie and six.
- 23 The men of Anathoth, an hundred twentie and eight.
- 24 The children of || Azmaueth, fortie and two.
- 25 The children of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred, and fourtie and three.
- 26 The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred, twentie and one.
- 27 The men of Michmas, an hundred, twentie and two.
- 28 The men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred, twentie and three.
- 29 The children of Nebo, fiftie and two.
- 30 The children of Magbish, an hundred fiftie and six.
- 31 The children of the other *Elam, a thousand, two hundred, fiftie and foure.
- 32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twentie.

- 33 The children of Lod || Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred, twentie and five.
- 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred fourtie and five.
- 35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirtie.
- 36 ¶ The Priests. The children of *Jedaiah, of the house of Ieshua, nine hundred, seuentie and three.
- 37 The children of *Jimmer, a thousand, fiftie and two.
- 38 The children of *Bashur, a thousand, two hundred, fourtie and seven.
- 39 The children of *Harim, a thousand and seenteene.
- 40 ¶ The Levites. The children of Ieshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of || Hodanai, seuentie and foure.
- 41 ¶ The singers. The children of Asaph, an hundred twentie and eight.
- 42 ¶ The children of the porters. The children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hattai, the children of Shobai, in all, an hundred thirtie and nine.
- 43 ¶ The Rechinims. The children of Ziba, the children of Halupha, the children of Labbath.
- 44 The children of Keros, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon,
- 45 The children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub,
- 46 The children of Hagab, the children of || Shalmi, the children of Hanan.
- 47 The children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah,
- 48 The children of Rezin, the children of Rekoda, the children of Gazam,
- 49 The children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai,
- 50 The children of Asnah, the children of Dehumim, the children of Rephusim,
- 51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur,
- 52 The children of || Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha,
- 53 The children of Barkos, the children of Silera, the children of Thamah,
- 54 The children of Neziab, the children of Hatipha.
- 55 ¶ The

* Nehem.
7.10.

|| Or, Binmi,
nehem.7.
15.

|| Or, Hariph,
nehem.
7.24.

|| Or, Gibeon,
nehem.7.25.

|| Or, Beth-
Asmaueth,
Nehe.7.28.

* See ver.7.

|| Or, Harid,
as it is in
some copies.

* 1. Chro.
24.7.

* 1. Chro.
24.14.

* 1. Chro.9.
12.

* 1. Chro.
24.8.

|| Or, Inda,
chap.3.9.
called also
Hodenab,
nehem.7.43.

|| Or, Sham-
lai.

|| Or, Baz-
luth, in Ne-
hem.

* 1. C.
26.20.

55 ¶ The children of Solomons seruants. The children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of ¶ Peruda,

56 The children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel,

57 The children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pothe-reth of Zebaim, the children of ¶ Ami.

58 All the * Bethinims, and the children of * Solomons seruants, were three hundred ninetie and two.

59 And these were they which went vp from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not shewe their fathers house, and their seed, whether they were of Israel.

60 The children of Delaiiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda: six hundred fiftie and two.

61 ¶ And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, (which tooke a wife of the daughters of * Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.)

62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogie, but they were not found: therefore were they † as polluted, put from the priesthood.

63 And the ¶ Tirshatha said vnto them, that they should not eate of the most holy things, till there stood vp a priest with * Arim & with Thummini.

64 ¶ The whole Congregation together, was fourtie and two thousand, three hundred and threescore:

65 Beside their seruants and their maids, of whom there were seuen thousand, three hundred thirtie and seuen: and there were among them two hundred singing men, and singing women.

66 Their horses were seuen hundred, thirtie and six: their mules, two hundred fourtie and five:

67 Their camels, foure hundred, thirtie and five: their asses, six thousand, seuen hundred and twentie.

68 ¶ And some of the chiefe of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God, to set it vp in his place:

69 They gaue after their abilitie, vnto the * treasure of the worke, threescore and one thousand drammes of golde, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests garments.

70 So the priests and the Leuites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Bethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

CHAP. III.

1 The Altar is set vp. 4 Offerings frequented. 7 Workmen prepared. 8 The foundations of the Temple are laid in great ioy & mourning.

¶ **A**D When the seventh moneth was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities: the people gathered themselves together, as one man to Jerusalem.

2 Then stood vp ¶ Jeshua the sonne of Jozadak, & his brethren the priests, and * Zerubbabel the sonne of * Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the Altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offrings thereon, as it is * written in the law of Moses the man of God.

3 And they set the altar vpon his bases, (for feare was vpon them, because of the people of those countreys) and they offered burnt offerings thereon vnto the LORD, euen burnt offerings, morning and euening.

4 They kept also the feast of tabernacles, * as it is written, and * offered the dayly burnt offrings, by number, according to the custome, † as the duetie of euery day required:

5 And afterward offered the continuall burnt offering, both of the new moones, and of all the set feasts of the LORD, that were consecrated, and of euery one that willingly offered, offered a free will offering vnto the LORD.

6 From the first day of the seventh moneth, began they to offer burnt offerings vnto the LORD: but the † foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

7 They gaue money also vnto the masons, and to the ¶ carpenters, and meate, and drinke, and oyle, vnto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring Cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of * Joppa: according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 ¶ Now in the second yere of their comming vnto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second moneth, began Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the sonne of Jozadak, and

¶ **U** the

¶ Or, Perida, in Nehem.

¶ Or, Amon, in Nehem.

* Iosh. 9. 21, 27. 1. chro. 9. 2. * 1. King. 9. 21.

¶ Or, pedegree.

* 2. Sam. 17. 27.

† Heb. they were polluted from the priesthood. ¶ Or, gouernour.

* Exod. 28. 30.

* 1. Chron. 26. 20.

¶ Or, Iosua. Hagge 1. 1.

* Matth. 1. 12. and luke 3. 27. called Zorobabel. * Matth. 1. 12. and luke 3. 27. called Salathiel. * Deut. 12. 5.

* Num. 29. 12. * Exod. 23. 16. † Heb. the matter of the day in his day.

† Heb. the Temple of the Lord was not yet founded. ¶ Or, workmen.

* Acts 9. 3.

The building of the Ezra. Temple, hindered.

the remnant of their brethren, the Priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivitie vnto Jerusalem: and appointed the Levites, from twentie yeeres olde and upward, to set forward the worke of the house of the LORD.

9 Then stood Jeshua, with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sonnes, the sonnes of Judah† together, to set forward the workemen in the house of God: the sonnes of Henadab, with their sonnes and their brethren the Levites.

10 And when the builders laide the foundation of the Temple of the LORD, they set the Priests in their apparell with Trumpets, and the Levites the sonnes of Asaph, with Cymbales, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

11 And they sung together by course, in praising, and giving thanks vnto the LORD; Because hee is good, for his mercy endureth for ever towards Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shoute, when they praised the LORD: because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laide.

12 But many of the Priests and Levites, and chiefe of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seene the first house; when the foundation of this house was laide before their eyes, wept with a loude voice, and many shouted aloude for ioy:

13 So that the people could not discern the noyse of the shout of ioy, from the noyse of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loude shout, and the noyse was heard afarre off.

CHAP. III.

1 The aduersaries, being not accepted in the building of the Temple with the Iewes, endeavour to hinder it. 7 Their Letter to Artaxerxes. 17 The decree of Artaxerxes. 23 The building is hindred.

NOW when the aduersaries of Judah and Benjamin, heard that† the children of the captivitie builded the Temple vnto the LORD God of Israel:

2 Then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chiefe of the fathers, and said vnto them, Let vs build with you, for wee seeke your God, as yee doe, and we

doe sacrifice vnto him, since the dayes of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought vs by hither.

3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua, and the rest of the chiefe of the fathers of Israel, said vnto them, Thou haue nothing to doe with vs, to build an house vnto our God, but we our selues together will build vnto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the King of Persia hath commanded vs.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the handes of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building,

5 And hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the dayes of Cyrus king of Persia, even vntill the reigne of Darius king of Persia.

6 And in the reigne of† Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reigne, wrote they vnto him an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the dayes of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their† companions, vnto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue.

8 Rehum the Chancellour, and Shimshai the Scribe, wrote a letter against Jerusalem, to Artaxerxes the king, in this sort:

9 Then wrote Rehum the Chancellour, and Shimshai the Scribe, and the rest of their† companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathkites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archeuites, the Babylonians, the Sulanchites, the Dehaites, and the Elamites,

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnappar brought ouer, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest that are on this side the River,† and at such a time.

11 This is the copy of the Letter, that they sent vnto him, euen vnto Artaxerxes the king: Thy seruants on this side the River, and at such a time,

12 Be it knowen vnto the king, that the Iewes which came by from thee to vs, are come vnto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad citie, and haue set by the walles thereof, and† ioyned the foundations.

13 Be it knowen now vnto the king, that if this citie be builded, and the wals set by againe, then will they not† pay tolle, tribute, and custome, and so thou shalt

|| Or, Hoda-
niah, Chap.
2.40.
† Heb. as one.

* 1. Chro. 6.
31. and cha.
16.7. and
25.1.

† Heb. Aha-
suerus.

|| Or, in
peace.
† Heb. socie-
ties.

|| Or, Secre-
tarie.

† Chald. so-
cieties.

† Chald. Che-
neth.

|| Or, finish-
ed
† Chald. finish-
ed together.

† Chald. give.

† Hebr. the
sonnes of the
transporta-
tion.

The Kings letter, Chap.v. and the enemies.

Or, strength.

† Chal. we are salted with the salt of the palace.

Thalt endamage the || revenue of the kings.

14 Now because we † haue maintenance from the Kings palace, and it was not meete for vs to see the kings dishonour: therefore haue we sent, and certified the king,

15 That search may be made in the booke of the Records of thy fathers: so shalt thou finde in the booke of the Records, and know, that this City is a rebellious city, and hurtfull vnto Kings and prouinces, and that they haue † moued sedition † within the same of olde time: for which cause was this citie destroyed.

16 We certifie the king, that if this citie be builded againe, & the walles thereof set vp: by this meanes, thou shalt haue no portion on this side the Riuer.

17 ¶ Then sent the king an answere vnto Rehum the Chancellour, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their † companions, that dwell in Samaria, and vnto the rest beyond the Riuer, Peace and at such a time.

18 The letter, which ye sent vnto vs, hath bene plainly read before me.

19 And † I commaunded, and search hath bene made, and it is found, that this citie of old time hath † made insurrection against Kings, and that rebellion & sedition haue bene made therein.

20 There haue bene mighty Kings also ouer Ierusalem, which haue ruled ouer all countreys beyond the Riuer, and tolle, tribute, and custome, was payd vnto them.

21 † Giue ye now commandement, to cause these men to cease, and that this citie be not builded, vntill another commandement shall be giuen from me.

22 Take heed now that ye faile not to doe this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings:

23 ¶ Now when the copy of King Artaxerxes letter was read before Rehum and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went vp in haste to Ierusalem, vnto the Iewes, and made them to cease, by † force and power.

24 Then ceased the worke of the house of the God, which is at Ierusalem. So it ceased, vnto the second yeere of the reigne of Darius King of Persia.

CHAP. V.

1 Zerubbabel and Shealtiel, incited by Haggai and Zacharie, set forward the building of the

Temple. 3 Tatnai and Shether Boznai could not hinder the Iewes. 6 Their letter to Darius against the Iewes.

¶ Then the Prophets, * Haggai the Prophet, and Zechariah the sonne of Iddo, prophesied vnto the Iewes that were in Iudah and Ierusalem, in the Name of the God of Israel, euen vnto them.

2 Then rose vp Zerubbabel the sonne of Shealtiel, and Ieshua the sonne of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Ierusalem: and with them were the Prophets of God helping them.

3 ¶ At the same time came to them Tatnai, gouernour on this side the Riuer, and Shethar-Boznai, and their companions, and said thus vnto them: who hath commaunded you to build this house, and to make vp this wall?

4 Then said wee vnto them after this maner, what are the names of the men † that make this building?

5 But the eye of their God was vpon the Elders of the Iewes, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answere by letter concerning this matter.

6 ¶ The copy of the letter that Tatnai, gouernour on this side the Riuer, and Shethar-Boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were on this side the Riuer, sent vnto Darius the King:

7 They sent a letter vnto him, wherein was written thus: Vnto Darius the king, all peace.

8 Be it knowen vnto the king, that we went into the prouince of Iudea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with † great stones, & timber is laied in the wals, and this worke goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands.

9 Then asked we those Elders, and said vnto them thus, who commanded you to build this house, and to make vp these walles?

10 We asked their names also, to certifye thee, that we might write the names of the men that were the chiefe of them.

11 And thus they returned vs answere, saying, we are the seruants of the God of heauen and earth, and build the house that was builded these many yeeres agoe, which a great King of Israel builded, * and set vp.

* Agge. i. i. zach. i. i.

† Chal. that build this building.

† Chal. in the midst whereof.

† Chal. stones of rolling.

* i. King. 6. i.

* 2 Kings
24. 2. and
25. 8.

* Ezra. 1. 1.

* Ezra 1. 18
and 6. 5.
|| Or, deputy

12 But after that our fathers had prouoked the God of heauen vnto wrath: he gaue them into the hande of * Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Caldean, who destroyed this house, and caried the people away into Babylon.

13 But in the first yere of * Cyrus the king of Babylon, the same king Cyrus made a decree to build this house of God.

14 And the vessels also of golde and siluer of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar tooke out of the Temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were deliuered vnto one, * whose name was Sheshbazzar, whome he had made || gouernour:

15 And said vnto him, Take these vessels, goe, carie them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.

16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundation of the house of God, which is in Jerusalem. And since that time, even vntill now, hath it bin in building, & yet it is not finished.

17 Now therefore, if it seeme good to the king, let there be search made in the kings treasure house which is there at Babylon, whether it be so that a decree was made of Cyrus the king, to build this house of God at Jerusalem: and let the king send his pleasure to vs concerning this matter.

CHAP. VI.

1 Darius finding the decree of Cyrus, maketh a new decree for the aduancement of the building. 13 By the helpe of the enemies, and the directions of the prophets, the Temple is finished. 16 The feast of the Dedication is kept. 19 And the Passeouer.

Then Darius the King made a decree, and search was made in the house of the † rolles, where the treasures were † laide vp in Babylon.

2 And there was found at || Achmetha, in the palace that is in the prouince of the Medes, a rolle, and therein was a record thus written:

3 In the first yere of Cyrus the king, the same Cyrus the king made a decree concerning the house of God at Je-

rusalem: Let the house be builded, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid, the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubites:

4 With three rowes of great stones, and a row of new timber: and let the expences bee giuen out of the kings house.

5 And also let the golden, and siluer vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar tooke forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought vnto Babylon, be restored, and † brought againe vnto the temple which is at Jerusalem, euery one to his place, and place them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore Tatnai, gouernour beyond the riuer, Shethar-Boznai, and † your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the riuer, be ye farre from thence:

7 Let the worke of this house of God alone, let the gouernour of the Jewes, and the elders of the Jewes, build this house of God in his place.

8 Moreover † I make a decree, what ye shall doe to the Elders of these Jewes, for the building of this house of God: that of the kings goods, euen of the tribute beyond the riuer, forthwith expences be giuen vnto these men, that they be not † hindered.

9 And that which they haue need of, both yong bullocks, and rammes, and lambes, for the burnt offerings of the God of heauen, wheat, salt, wine, and oyle, according to the appoyment of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be giuen them, day by day without faile:

10 That they may offer sacrifices † of sweet saours vnto the God of heauen, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sonnes.

11 Also I haue made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set vp, let him bee † hanged thereon, and let his house bee made a dounge hill for this.

12 And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there, destroy all kings and people that shall put to their hand, to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius haue made a decree, let it be done with speed.

13 Then Tatnai gouernour on this side the riuer, Shethar-Boznai, & their com-

† Chalde, bookes.
† Chalde, made to descend.
|| Or, Ecba-tana, or in a coffer.

† Chalde, go.

† Chalde, their societies.

† Chalde, by me a decree is made.

† Chalde, made to cease.

† Chalde, of rest.

† Chalde, let him be destroyed.

companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily.

14 And the elders of the Jewes builded, and they prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the Prophet, and Zechariah the sonne of Iddo, and they builded, and finished it, according to the commandement of the God of Israel, and according to the commandement of Cyrus and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.

15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the first yere of the reigne of Darius the king.

16 And the children of Israel, the Priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captiuitie, kept the dedicatio of this house of God, with ioy,

17 And offered at the dedication of this house of God, an hundred bullockes, two hundred rammes, foure hundred lambes; and for a sinne offering for all Israel, twelue hee goates, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.

18 And they set the Priests in their diuisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the seruice of God, which is at Jerusalem, [†] as it is written in the booke of Moses.

19 And the children of the captiuitie kept the Passeouer, vpon the fourteenth day of the first moneth:

20 For the Priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them were pure, and killed the Passeouer for all the children of the captiuitie, and for their brethren the Priests, and for themselves.

21 And the children of Israel, which were come againe out of captiuitie, and all such as had separated themselves vnto them, from the filthinesse of the heathen of the land, to seeke the LORD God of Israel, did eate,

22 And kept the feast of vnleauened bread seven dayes, with ioy: for the LORD had made them ioyfull, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria vnto them, to strengthen their handes in the worke of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAP. VII.

1 Ezra goeth vp to Ierusalem. 11 The gracious commission of Artaxerxes to Ezra. 27 Ezra blesteth God for his fauour.



Now after these things, in the reigne of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the sonne of Azariah, the sonne of Hilkiah,

2 The sonne of Shallum, the sonne of Zadok, the sonne of Ahitub,

3 The sonne of Amariah, the sonne of Azariah, the sonne of Seraioth,

4 The sonne of Zeraiah, the sonne of Uzzi, the sonne of Bukki,

5 The sonne of Abishua, the sonne of Phinehas, the sonne of Eleazar, the sonne of Aaron the chiefe Priest:

6 This Ezra went by from Babylon, and hee was a ready Scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had giuen: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God vpon him.

7 And there went by some of the children of Israel, and of the Priests, and the Levites, and the Singers, and the Porters, and the Bethinims, vnto Jerusalem, in the seventh yere of Artaxerxes the king.

8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth moneth, which was in the seventh yere of the king.

9 For vpon the first day of the first moneth [†] began he to go by from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth moneth, came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God vpon him.

10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seeke the Law of the LORD, and to doe it, and to teach in Israel, Statutes and Judgements.

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gaue vnto Ezra the Priest, the Scribe, euen a Scribe of the words of the commandements of the LORD, and of his Statutes to Israel.

12 Artaxerxes king of kings, || Vnto Ezra the Priest, a Scribe of the Law of the God of heauen, Perfect peace, and at such a time.

13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and of his Priests, and Levites in my Realme, which are minded of their owne free-will to goe by to Jerusalem, goe with thee.

14 Forasmuch as thou art sent [†] of the king, and of his ^{*} seven counsellers, to enquire concerning Iudah and Jerusalem, according to the Lawe of thy God, which is in thine hand;

U u 3 15 And

[†] Chald. Decree.

[†] Chald. the sonnes of the transportation.

[†] Chald. according to the writing. ^{*} Num. 3. 6. and 8. 9.

[†] He was the foundation of the going up.

|| Or, to Ezra the Priest a perfect Scribe of the Lawe of the God of heauen, Peace, &c.

[†] Chal. from before the King. ^{*} Esth. 1. 14.

15 And to cary the siluer and gold, which the king and his counsellors haue freely offered vnto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem.

* Chap. 8.
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16 * And all the siluer and gold, that thou canst find in all the prouince of Babylon, with the free-will offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God, which is in Jerusalem:

17 That thou maiest buy speedily with this money, bullockes, rammes, lambes, with their meate offerings, and their drinke offerings, and offer them vpon the altar of the house of your God, which is in Jerusalem.

18 And whatsoever shall seeme good to thee, and to thy brethren, to doe with the rest of the siluer and gold; that doe, after the will of your God.

19 The vessels also that are given thee, for the seruice of the house of thy God, those deliuer thou before the God of Jerusalem.

20 And whatsoever more shall be needfull for the house of thy God, which thou shalt haue occasion to bestowe; bestowe it out of the kings treasure house.

21 And I, euen I Artaxerxes the king, doe make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the riuer, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily,

† Chald.
Cores.

22 Vnto an hundred talents of siluer, and to an hundred † measures of wheate, and to an hundred bathes of wine, and to an hundred bathes of oyle, and salt, without prescribing how much.

† Heb. what-
soeuer is of
the decree.

23 † Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done, for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realme of the king and his sonnes?

24 Also we certifie you, that touching any of the priests, and Levites, singers, porters, Bethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawfull to impose tolle, tribute, or custome vpon them.

25 And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and iudges, which may iudge all the people, that are beyond the riuer, all such as know the lawes of thy God, and teach yee them that knowe them not.

26 And whosoever will not doe the

law of thy God, and the law of the king, let iudgement be executed speedily vpon him, whether it be vnto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

† Chald. to
rooting out.

27 Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this, in the kings heart, to beautifie the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem:

28 And hath extended mercy vnto me, before the king and his counsellors, and before all the kings mighty princes, and I was strengthened as the hand of the LORD my God was vpon me, and I gathered together out of Israel, chiefe men to goe vp with me.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The companions of Ezra, who returned from Babylon. 15 He sendeth to Iddo for ministers for the Temple. 21 He keepeth a fast. 24 He committeth the treasures to the custodie of the Priests. 31 From Ahaua they come to Ierusalem. 33 The treasure is weighed in the Temple. 36 The commission is deliuered.

These are now the chiefe of their fathers, and this is the genealogie of them that went vp with mee from Babylon, in the reigne of Artaxerxes the king.

2 Of the sonnes of Phinehas, Gershom: of the sonnes of Ithamar, Daniel: of the sonnes of David, Hattush.

3 Of the sonnes of Shechaniah, of the sonnes of Pharoah, Zechariah, and with him were reckoned, by genealogie of the males, an hundred and fiftie.

4 Of the sonnes of Pahath Moab, Elihoenai the sonne of Zerachiah: and with him, two hundred males.

5 Of the sonnes of Shechaniah, the sonne of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males.

6 Of the sonnes also of Adin, Ebed the sonne of Jonathan, and with him fiftie males.

7 And of the sonnes of Elam, Jeshaiiah the sonne of Athaliah, and with him seuentie males.

8 And of the sonnes of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the sonne of Michael, and with him fourescore males.

9 Of the sonnes of Joab, Obadiah the sonne of Jehiel: and with him two hundred and eightene males.

10 And

A fast proclaimed. Chap.viij. The Leuites charge.

10 And of the sonnes of Shelomith, the sonne of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males.

11 And of the sonnes of Webai, Zechariah the sonne of Webai, and with him twenty and eight males.

12 And of the sonnes of Azgad, Johanan the sonne of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the last sonnes of Adonikam, whose names are these: Eliphelet, Jehiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males.

14 Of the sonnes also of Biguai, Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seuentie males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river, that runneth to Ahava, and there abode we in tents three dayes: and I viewed the people, and the Priests, and found there none of the sonnes of Levi.

16 Then sent I for Elezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chiefe men; also for Jarib, and for Elnathan, men of vnderstanding.

17 And I sent them with commandement vnto Iddo the chiefe at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say vnto Iddo, and to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring vnto vs ministers for the house of our God.

18 And by the good hand of our God vpon vs, they brought vs a man of vnderstanding, of the sonnes of Mahli the sonne of Levi, the sonne of Israel, and Sherebiah, with his sonnes, and his brethren, eightene.

19 And Hashabiah, and with him Jethaiah of the sonnes of Merari, his brethren, and their sonnes, twentie.

20 Also of the Nethinims, whom David, and the Princes had appointed for the seruice of the Leuites, two hundred and twentie Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name.

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might afflict our selues before our God, to seeke of him a right way for vs, and for our little ones, and for all our substance.

22 For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of souldiers and horsemen, to helpe vs against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken vnto

the king, saying, The hand of our God is vpon all them for good, that seeke him, but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted, and besought our God for this, and hee was intreated of vs.

24 Then I separated twelue of the chiefe of the Priests, Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them,

25 And weighed vnto them the siluer and the gold, and the vessels, euen the offering of the house of our God, which the king and his counsellours, and his lords, and all Israel there present, had offered:

26 I euen weighed vnto their hand, six hundred and fifty talents of siluer, and siluer vessels an hundred talents, and of gold an hundred talents:

27 Also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drammes, and two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold.

28 And I said vnto them, Wee are holy vnto the LORD, the vessels are holy also, and the siluer and the gold are a free-will offering vnto the LORD God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keepe them, vntill ye weigh them before the chiefe of the Priests, and the Leuites, and chiefe of the fathers of Israel at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD.

30 So tooke the Priests and the Leuites the weight of the siluer and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem, vnto the house of our God.

31 Then wee departed from the river of Ahava, on the twelfth day of the first moneth, to goe vnto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was vpon vs, and hee deliuered vs from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three dayes.

33 Now on the fourth day was the siluer and the gold, and the vessels weighed in the house of our God, by the hand of Meremoth the sonne of Uriah the Priest, and with him was Eleazar the sonne of Phinehas, and with them was Jozabad the sonne of Jethua, and Noadiah the sonne of Binnui, Leuites:

34 By number, and by weight of euery

Or, the youngest son.

Or, Zaccar, as some read.

Or, pitched.

Hebr. I put words in their mouth.

See Chap. 2.43.

Hebr. yellow or shining brasse.
Hebr. desirable.

uery one: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 Also the children of those that had bene caried away which were come out of the captiuitie, offered burnt offerings vnto the God of Israel, twelue bullocks for all Israel, ninetie and six rammes, seuentie and seven lambes, twelue hee goates for a sinne offering: All this was a burnt offering vnto the LORD.

36 And they deliuered the Kings commissions vnto the kings lieutenants, and to the gouernours on this side the riuer, and they furthered the people, and the house of God.

CHAP. IX.

1 Ezra mourneth for the affinitie of the people with strangers. 5 He prayeth vnto God with confession of finnes.

NOwe when these things were done, the Princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, haue not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations, euen of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites.

2 For they haue taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sonnes: so that the holy seed haue mingled themselves with the people of those lands, yea the hand of the princes and rulers hath bin chiefe in this trespasse.

3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and pluckt off the haire of my head, and of my beard, and sate downe astonied.

4 Then were assembled vnto me euery one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the transgression of those that had bene caried away, and I sate astonied, vntill the euening sacrifice.

5 And at the euening sacrifice, I arose vp from my heauinesse, and hauing rent my garment and my mantle, I fell vpon my knees, and spread out my hands vnto the LORD my God,

6 And said, O my God, I am ashamed, and blush to lift vp my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased ouer our head, and our trespasse is

growen vp vnto the heauens.

7 Since the dayes of our fathers, haue wee beene in a great trespasse vnto this day, & for our iniquities haue we, our kings and our priests, bin deliuered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captiuitie, and to a spoile, and to confusion of face, as it is this day.

8 And now for a little space grace hath bene shewed from the LORD our God, to leaue vs a remnant to escape, and to giue vs a naile in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and giue vs a little reuiuing in our bondage:

9 For wee were bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken vs in our bondage, but hath extended mercie vnto vs in the sight of the kings of Persia, to giue vs a reuiuing to set vp the house of our God, and to repaire the desolations thereof, and to giue vs a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 And now, O our God, what shal we say after this: for we haue forsaken thy commandments,

11 which thou hast commanded by thy seruants the prophets, saying, * The land vnto which ye go to possesse it, is an vncleane land, with the filthinesse of the people of the lands, with their abominations, which haue filled it from one end to another, with their vncleannesse.

12 Nowe therefore giue not your daughters vnto their sonnes, neither take their daughters vnto your sonnes, nor seeke their peace or their wealth for euer: that ye may bee strong, and eate the good of the land, and leaue it for an inheritance to your children for euer.

13 And after all that is come vpon vs, for our euill deeds, and for our great trespasse, seeing that thou, our God, hast punished vs lesse, then our iniquities deserue, and hast giuen vs such deliuerance as this:

14 Should wee againe breake thy commandments, and ioyne in affinitie with the people of these abominations: Wouldest thou not be angry with vs, til thou haddest consumed vs, so that there should be no remnant, nor escaping?

15 O LORD God of Israel, thou art righteous, for wee remaine yet escaped, as it is this day: Behold, we are before thee in our trespasses: for wee can not stand before thee, because of this.

CHAP.

† Heb. moment.

|| Or, a pinne
That is, a
constant and
sure abode.

† Heb. to set
up.

† Heb. by the
hand of thy
seruants.
* Exod. 23.
32, deut. 7:3

† Heb. from
month to
month.

† Heb. hast
withheld be-
neath our
iniquities.

|| Or, afflicti-
on.

|| Or, guilti-
nesse.

C H A P. X.

1 Shechaniah encourageth Ezra to reforme the strange mariages. 6 Ezra mourning, assemblith the people. 9 The people at the exhortation of Ezra, repent and promise amendment. 15 The care to performe it. 18 The names of them who had married strange wiues.

NOW when Ezra had praied, and when he had confessed, weeping, and casting himselfe downe before the house of God, there assembled vnto him out of Israel, a very great congregation of men, and women, and children: for the people wept very sore.

2 And Shechaniah the sonne of Jehiel, one of the sonnes of Elam, answered and said vnto Ezra, Wee haue trespassed against our God, and haue taken strange wiues, of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing.

3 Now therefore let vs make a couenant with our God, to put away all the wiues, & such as are borne of them, according to the counsell of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God, and lee it be done according to the Law.

4 Arise, for this matter belongeth vnto thee, wee also will be with thee: be of good courage, and doe it.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefe Priests, the Levites, and all Israel to sweare, that they should doe according to this word: and they sware.

6 Then Ezra rose vp from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Iohanan, the sonne of Eliashib: and when hee came thither, hee did eate no bread, nor drinke water: for hee mourned because of the transgression of them that had bene carried away.

7 And they made Proclamation throughout Iudah and Jerusalem, vnto all the children of the captiuitie, that they should gather themselves together vnto Jerusalem;

8 And that whosoever would not come within three dayes, according to the counsell of the Princes, and the Elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himselfe separated from the congregation of those that had bene carried away.

9 Then all the men of Iudah and Benjamin, gathered themselves

together vnto Jerusalem, within three dayes: it was the ninth moneth, on the twentieth day of the moneth, and all the people sate in the streete of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great raine.

10 And Ezra the Priest stood vp, and said vnto them, Wee haue transgressed, and haue taken strange wiues, to increase the trespass of Israel.

11 Now therefore make confession vnto the LORD God of your fathers, and doe his pleasure: and separate your selues from the people of the land, and from the strange wiues.

12 Then all the congregation answered, and said with a loude voice, As thou hast said, so must we doe:

13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much raine, and we are not able to stand without; neither is this a worke of one day or two: for wee are many that haue transgressed in this thing.

14 Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which haue taken strange wiues in our cities, come at appointed times, & with them the Elders of euery citie, and the Judges thereof: vntill the fierce wrath of our God for this matter, be turned from vs.

15 Onely Jonathan the sonne of Asahel, and Jahaziah the sonne of Tikvah, were employed about this matter: and Beshullam, and Shabbethai the Leuite, helped them.

16 And the children of the captiuitie did so: and Ezra the Priest, with certaine chiefe of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sate downe in the first day of the tenth moneth to examine the matter.

17 And they made an ende, with all the men that had taken strange wiues, by the first day of the first moneth.

18 And among the sonnes of the Priests, there were found that had taken strange wiues: namely, of the sons of Ieshua the sonne of Jozadak, and his brethren, Maasiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah.

19 And they gaue their hands, that they would put away their wiues: and being guiltie, they offered a ramme of the flocke for their trespass.

20 And of the sonnes of Immer, Hanani, and Zebadiah:

21 And

† Hebr. the
bowres.

† Hebr. haue
caused to
dwel or haue
brought
backe.

|| Or, wee
haue greatly
offended in
this thing.

|| Or, till this
matter be
dispatched.

† Hebr. stood.

† Hebr. wept
a great weeping.

† Hebr. to
bring forth.

† Hebr. deuoted.

Who put away Nehemiah. strange wiues.

21 And of the sonnes of Harim, Maasiah, and Eliah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziab.

22 And of the sonnes of Basher: Eliezer, Maasiah, Shmael, Bethaneel, Jozabad and Elalah.

23 Also of the Leuites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiab (the same is Kelitah) Bethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer.

24 Of the singers also, Elashib, and of the porters, Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

25 Moreover of Israel, of the sonnes of Parosh, Ramiah, and Jehiah, and Malchiah, and Giamin, and Eleazar, and Malchiah, and Benaiah.

26 And of the sonnes of Elam: Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah.

27 And of the sonnes of Zattu: Eliezer, Elashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza.

28 Of the sonnes also of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, & Athlai.

29 And of the sonnes of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiab, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth.

30 And of the sonnes of Pahath Moab: Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah,

Maasiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.

31 And of the sonnes of Harim: Eliezer, Jshuah, Malchiah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemaiah.

33 Of the sonnes of Basher: Mattaniah, Mattatha, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, and Shimei.

34 Of the sonnes of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel,

35 Benaiah, Bedaiah, Chelluh,

36 Maniah, Beremoth, Elashib,

37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau,

38 And Bani, and Binnui, Shimei,

39 And Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiab,

40 || Machnadebai, Shashai, Shara,

41 Azareel, and Shelemiah, Shemaiah,

42 Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph.

43 Of the sonnes of Rebo, Jehiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah.

44 All these had taken strange wiues: and some of them had wiues, by whom they had children.

Or, Machnadebai, according to some copies.

Deut. 25. &c.

Deut. 4.



THE BOOKE OF Nehemiah.

CHAP. I.

1 Nehemiah, vnderstanding by Hanani, the misery of Ierusalem, mourneth, fasteth and prayeth. 5 His prayer.



he words of Nehemiah the sonne of Hachaliah. And it came to passe in the moneth Chisleu, in the twentieth yeere, as I was in Shushan the palace;

2 That Hanani, one of my brethren came, he and certaine men of Judah, and

I asked them concerning the Iewes that had escaped, which were left of the captiuitie, and concerning Ierusalem.

3 And they said vnto me, The remnant that are left of the captiuitie there in the prouince, are in great affliction and reproch: the wall of Ierusalem also * is broken downe, and the gates thereof are burnt with fire.

4 And it came to passe when I heard these words, that I late downe and wept; and mourned certaine dayes, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heauen,

5 And said, I beseech thee, * O LORD God of heauen, the great and terrible

* 2. King. 25. 9.

* Dan. 9. 4.